

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
INITIAL STUDY OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

PROJECT NUMBER: 0676-6P1025  
CP# 16-58

PROJECT NAME: Bel Air Trail Crossing Project

PREPARED BY: Hillary Heard *AB*

DATE: January 5, 2017

APPROVED BY: *Joe C. Co*

DATE: 1/19/17

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

☒ Categorical Exemption: 15301 [Class 1c]

☐ Negative Declaration

☐ Environmental Impact Report Required

☐ Conditional Negative Declaration

The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The recommendation is based on the following: The project consists of the minor alteration of existing bicycle/pedestrian facilities, involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing, pursuant to section **15301 (c)** of the CEQA guidelines.

What changes to the project would mitigate the identified impacts: N/A

USGS Quad Sheet: Honker Bay	Base Map Sheet #: F-18	Parcel #: N/A
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**GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

1. **Location:** The project is located in unincorporated Central County [Figures 1-2].

2. **Project Description:** The purpose of this project is to improve pedestrian access and safety at three Bel Air Trail crossings near Bel Air Elementary School in the area of Bay Point.

The project proposes to add approximately 120 feet of sidewalk as well as 8 foot wide paved shoulders on both the east and west side of Madison Avenue. Signage and two to three pedestrian actuated Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons (RRFBs) are proposed at the trail crossings on Madison Avenue, Cleveland Avenue and Franklin Avenue. Striping will also be added to restrict parking and U-turns on Madison Avenue (Figures 3-4).

Bel Air Elementary School has a rear entrance adjacent to the intersection of the Bel Air Trail and Madison Avenue. During drop off and pick up times at school, double parking often becomes problematic at this intersection. This vehicle activity surrounding the trail crossing blocks visibility of students on the trail at the street crossings. By creating a dedicated sidewalk and shoulder at the trail crossing while signing the area as no parking from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and prohibiting U-Turns, the student on the trail may cross the roadway more safely. Curb extensions or "bulb outs" are proposed to shorten the crossing distance for pedestrians, calm traffic and make pedestrians more visible to motorists. These measures will increase pedestrian safety during the heavy morning and afternoon peak traffic as well as increase driver awareness on the trail throughout the day and tie in to the existing trail facility. Vegetation removal and tree trimming may be necessary.

Real Property transactions, including right-of-way acquisition may be necessary in support of this project. Utility relocations may also be required. General Plan Conformance may be necessary from the City of Pittsburg.

3. **Does it appear that any feature of the project will generate significant public concern?**

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ maybe (Nature of concern):

4. **Will the project require approval or permits by other than a County agency?**

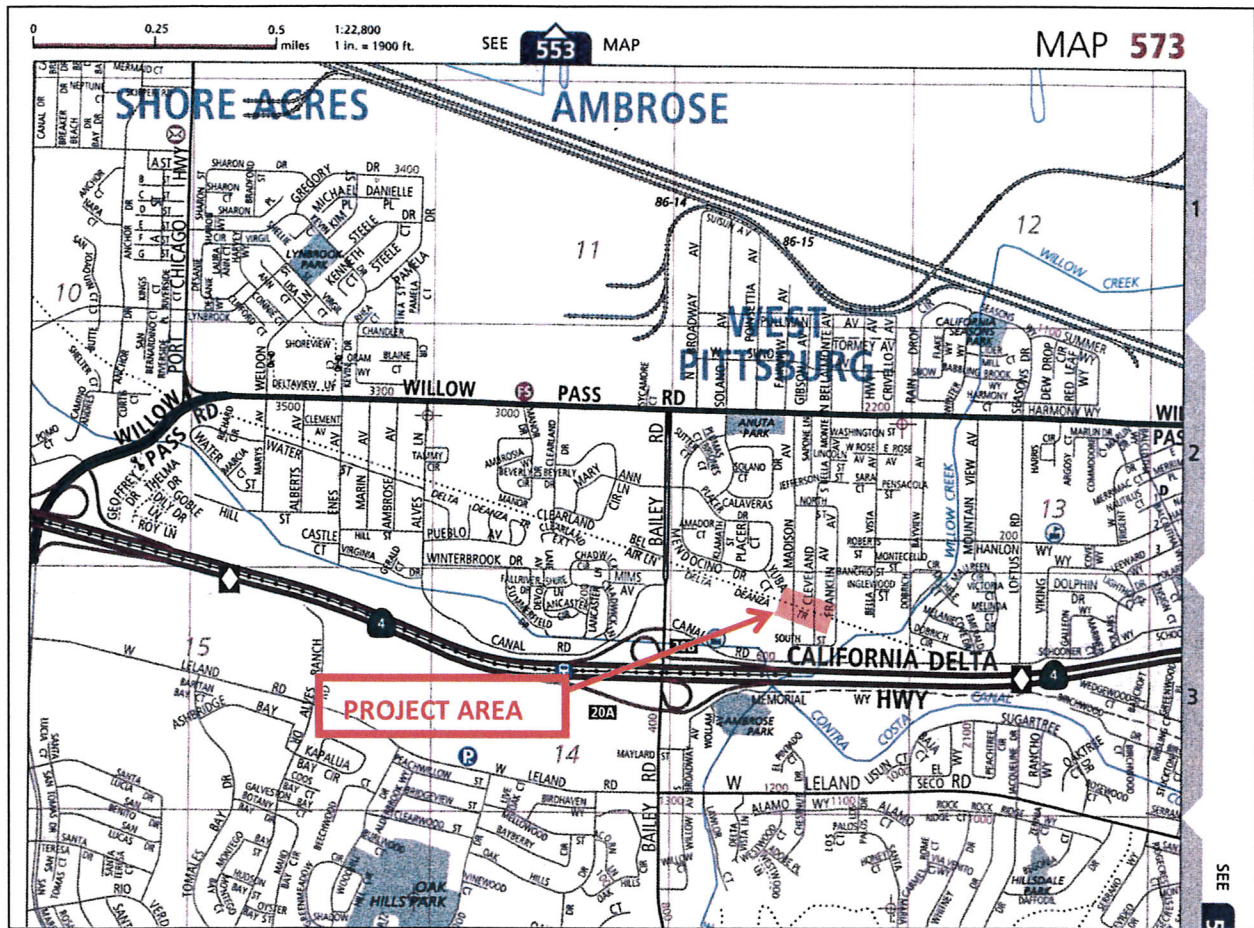
☐ Yes ☒ No

5. **Is the project within the Sphere of Influence of any city?** City of Pittsburg.



Figure 1

# Bel Air Trail Crossing Project Area Map



Area Map taken from 2008 Thomas Guide, Above

Aerial Image from County GIS with Project Areas Highlighted, Below

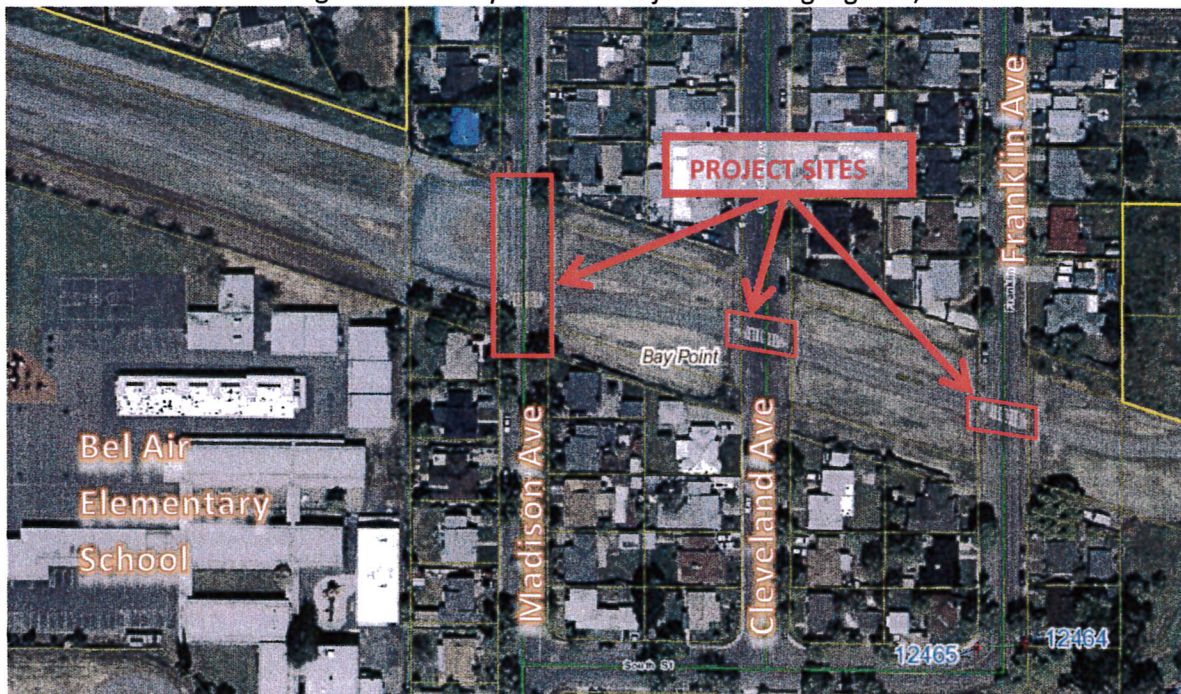
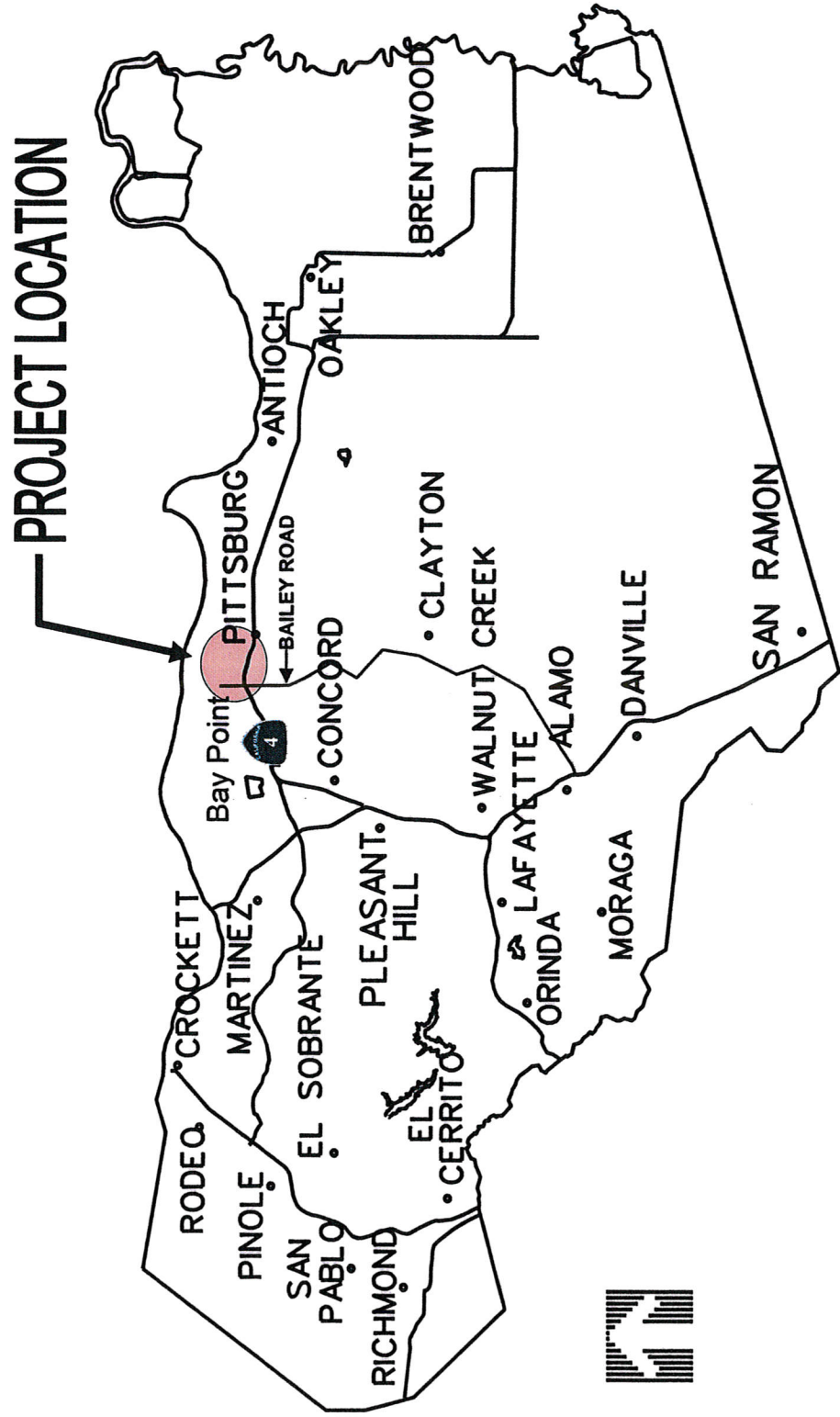




Figure 2

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Contra Costa County  
Public Works  
Department

## PROJECT LOCATION MAP Bel Air Trail Crossing Project

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DB: LL CB: DATE: JAN 17 SHEET 1 OF 1

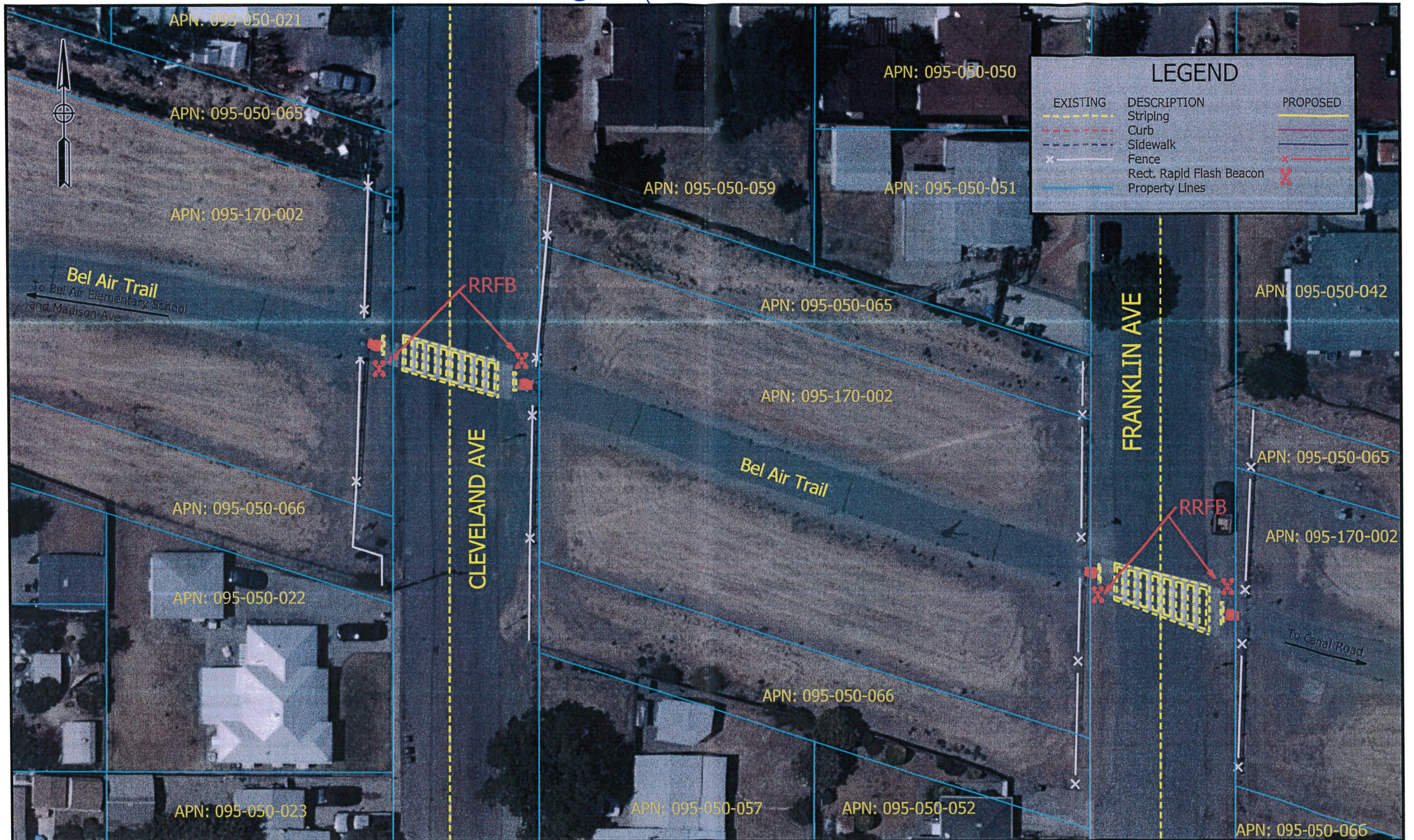


Figure 3





FIGURE 4



SCALE: 1" = 30' on 11x17



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PROPOSED LAYOUT

BEL AIR TRAIL CROSSING PROJECT

FEDERAL ID NO.:

DB: LL

CB: AV

DATE: JAN 2017

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# CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

## Notice of Exemption

**From:** Contra Costa County  
Dept. of Conservation & Development  
30 Muir Road  
Martinez, CA 94553

Project Title: **Bel Air Trail Crossing Project**  
**Project No. 0676-6P1025, CP# 16-58**

**Project Location – Specific:** Trail Crossing locations at Madison Avenue, Cleveland Avenue and Franklin Avenue near the Bel Air Elementary School in the unincorporated community of Bay Point, CA

Project Location: The project is located in unincorporated Central County      Project Location – County: **Contra Costa**

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Name of Public Agency Approving Project: **Contra Costa County**  
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: **Contra Costa County Public Works Department**

☐ Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080(b) (1); 15268;  
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));  
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

☒ Categorical Exemption: Class 1 (c)  
☐ Other Statutory Exemption, Code No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ General Rule of Applicability [Article 5, Section 15061 (b)(3)]

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of the minor alteration of existing bicycle/pedestrian facilities, involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing, pursuant to section 15301 (c) of the CEQA guidelines. The project will not result in the removal of any scenic resource.

Lead Agency Contact Person: **Hillary Heard - Public Works Dept.** Area Code/Telephone/Extension: **(925) 313-2022**

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: *John P. Co* Date: 1/19/17 Title: Principal Planner

☐ Signed by Lead Agency      ☐ Signed by Applicant

I declare that on \_\_\_\_\_ I received and posted this notice as required by California Public Resources Code Section 21152(c). Said notice will remain posted for 30 days from the filing date.

Title

## Department of Fish and Game Fees Due

☐ EIR - \$3,078.<sup>25</sup>

☐ Neq. Dec. - \$2,216.<sup>25</sup>

☐ DeMinimis Findings - \$0☒ County Clerk - \$50

Total Due: \$

Total Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt #: